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Lieutenant Mark Chaffee and sister Mabel are spending a few days with relatives in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Abbott and Mrs. Stanley Briggs motored to Kalamazoo last Thursday.

Ed Bailey came home from Detroit last Thursday and remained over the week end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Hindenach moved back into their own home last Saturday and are getting settled once more.

Dale Hinckley has been mustered out of military service, and arrived home the first of this week looking hale and hearty.

The local banks will be closed next Monday, April 7th. Election day is a legal holiday so far as banks are concerned.

Several from Paw Paw were in Kalamazoo Tuesday evening to see David Warfield in "The Auctioneer" at the Fuller theatre.

Quite a number from this place motored to Kalamazoo Tuesday night to hear Ex-president Taft speak in favor of the League of Nations.

See Miss Jean Warner in Interpretive Dancing at the Opera House next Friday and Saturday nights. She is with "The Bewildering Miss Felicia Company."

Little Mary Jeanette, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Gilkey has been quite sick with a severe cold, but is much improved at this time.

Manager Reeves announces the great Theda Bara in "Cleopatra" for the evenings of April 22nd and 23rd. Further announcements will be made, but bear the date in mind.

Mrs. Roy Tuttle entertained the ladies of the Maids and Maccos club at her home last Saturday evening. Elaborate refreshments were served and a fine time reported.

Rev. C. H. Heaton was in town Monday, called here by the death of Mrs. Rose Smith. Mr. Heaton and family are moving to Lansing where he is now pastor of one of the large churches.

Mrs. Beatrice Wilber plays the part of "The Charming Miss Felicia" in the Coterie play at the Opera House next week Friday and Saturday evenings. See complete program on another page of this issue.

Buell Reynnells of Penawawa, Washington was a Paw Paw visitor Wednesday. He was a Lawrence boy and grew to young manhood in that community. He is now a successful business man in the west.

Be sure to see "The Bewildering Miss Felicia" at the Opera House next week Friday and Saturday evening. The Chinese Chorus in Costume and the chorus of the little folks under direction of Miss Sadie Busley will be pleasing features.

The remains of the little seven year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wilson were brought here for burial last Monday. The little one was run down by an automobile on the streets of Kalamazoo. She was a grandchild of Mrs. Minerva Wilson of this village.

George Whitehead has resigned as Superintendent of the Paw Paw Electric Lighting Plant, said resignation to take effect on April 15th. The community will regret to lose the services of so competent a man in his line of work. He resigns to devote his entire time to the Automobile game.

The attraction for the Idle Hour this week Friday and Saturday nights is "The Public be Damned" a select special featuring Charles Richman and Mary Fuller. This feature is an expose of Food Speculation. On Sunday night "The Temple of Dusk" in six parts, featuring Sussie Hayakawa will be shown.

We are informed that Ford Wilbur and family are contemplating moving to Flint, Michigan where Mr. Wilbur has been offered a fine position. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur left for that city on Thursday to look the situation over and make a decision. This community would regret to lose this estimable family from our midst.

There will be a Liberty Loan meeting at Paw Paw and volunteer workers from every school district in the county are expected to be present April 8th, at Longwell's Opera House. John Burke, treasurer of the United States will be present and make an address. Mr. R. W. Boyles, district organizer and well known to liberty loan workers will also be present with up-to-date literature and plans for the drive.

Teachers and students are enjoying a well earned vacation this week.

Miss Marian Mutchler is home from the U. of M. for the spring vacation.

Miss Gertrude Smith of Bangor was the guest of Paw Paw friends last week.

Miss Xenia Mason spent the week end with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Mason.

Mrs. Wm. Lemaux of Ridgeville, Indiana is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Frank Avery and family.

Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor is recovering in Bronson hospital from a recent serious operation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitehead motored to Schoolcraft last Saturday and spent Sunday at the home of his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wilson returned last Thursday from Detroit, where they spent several days visiting and sight-seeing.

Mrs. Will Stanley and daughter of Battle Creek are guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McKendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Mosier entertained their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Mosier of Dowagiac last Wednesday.

Miss Ola Killefer will leave next Monday for Detroit where she has accepted a lucrative position with the State Cleaners Clearing House association.

Mrs. M. L. Decker has returned from Battle Creek where she has been taking treatment at the Sanitarium. She returns much improved in health.

Miss Esther Stevenson has returned from her studies in Denver, Colorado and is again at her desk in the Paw Paw Savings bank.

The regular meeting of Paw Paw Chapter O. E. S. comes next Wednesday evening, April 9th. Every member is urged to be present.

Sanger and Gardner report a very successful opening at their Millinery parlors last Saturday. The rooms were crowded all day, and flowers given as favors.

Ella Pike as the giggling old maid in "The Charming Miss Felicia" will be worth the price of admission. See the advertisement of the play on another page of this issue.

Mrs. John Mutchler arrived home from Grand Rapids last Thursday. She has been receiving medical treatment there for several weeks, and comes back much improved in health.

More clothing is wanted by the Red Cross for Belgian Relief work. Bring it to the rooms over the Paw Paw Drug store or notify Mrs. W. H. Longwell who has the work in charge.

A telegram to C. W. Reynolds Wednesday states that his son Lynn has returned from France and is in New York City. He expects to be sent to Camp Mills for some time before being mustered out.

The program at the Coterie next Wednesday, April 9th, will be in charge of Mrs. Emma R. Smith. These days have always proved most interesting, and all members are urged to be present at this meeting.

There will be a Grange meeting at Memorial Hall on Saturday evening, April 5th. Rev. Olivia Woodman and Rev. Arthur Trott will address the meeting on seasonal subjects. Instructions in balloting will be given if the audience so desires. Members are permitted to bring guests.

A recent letter from Lieutenant Commander George Howe to his brother William of this place, states that he is recovering nicely from the recent operation for appendicitis. He is in a hospital in Ancon, Canal Zone, and will soon be able to resume his duties as Naval Commander.

Attorney T. J. Cavanaugh has been honored by a re-appointment as member of the board of trustees of the State Hospital at Kalamazoo. He has held this important position for the past six years, and the re-appointment at the hands of Governor Sleeper, is a fine tribute to his efficiency and worth to the state.

Mrs. Minnie V. Kealey, a widow lady residing north of Hartford, took her life by hanging last Monday. She was expecting a call from the constable with a writ to eject her from the premises, and took this way to end her troubles. She was fifty years of age, and came to Hartford about a year ago from Chicago. The officer on his arrival found her lifeless body hanging from a soil pipe in the bath room, and a note of instructions as to notification of Chicago friends.

Mrs. Bertha Harrison of Kalamazoo is the guest of her father, G. W. Longwell this week.

Mrs. Amanda Andrews has returned to her Paw Paw home after spending the winter in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Lew Woodman who has spent the winter with her sister in South Dakota is expected home soon.

"Shote" Underwood who has spent the winter in the Sunny South has returned to Paw Paw for the summer.

Rev. E. E. Shouffer of Michigan City, Indiana will conduct the usual services at the Baptist church next Sunday.

Register of Deeds George Gould and wife are rejoicing over the advent of a baby boy, born to them last Saturday.

Mrs. Martha Bennett has returned to her home here after spending the winter with her son, Dr. Charles Bennett of Gobleville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Van. Tassel were among those who went to Kalamazoo Tuesday evening to see David Warfield at the Fuller.

The Juvenile Dancing class will enjoy a cotillion this evening at the Maple City club rooms, under the direction of their instructors, Mr. and Mrs. L. Higgs.

Fred Cook of Bangor has opened a photograph studio in the Weston block in rooms formerly occupied by the late Dr. Jackson. See his announcement in the advertising columns of this issue.

Ira Branch, one of the Van Buren county pioneers, and a resident of Hartford for more than fifty years, died at the home of his daughter in Chicago last Wednesday. He was eighty-one years of age and is said to have been the first white child in Lawrence township.

A letter from Mrs. A. K. Dean to local friends states that her husband died recently in Mont Clair, New Jersey. His death was caused by influenza followed by an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Dean will be remembered as an employee of the Free Press and Courier about a year ago.

Mrs. Mary Parker, the aged mother of Mrs. H. E. Ball had the misfortune to fall and break her hip the first of the week. She is eighty-seven years of age, and on account of her advanced years her condition is considered critical. She has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ball for the past thirty years.

The fire department was called to the northeast corner of the village last Wednesday to extinguish a blaze which had run through the grass at the edge of the old cemetery and set a shed on fire. Some of the near by buildings were in danger, but the blaze was extinguished without further damage.

Mrs. Rose Smith died at her home here last week Friday. The funeral was held on Monday, Rev. C. H. Heaton of Lansing officiating. Interment was in Prospect cemetery. Mrs. Smith has been a resident of Paw Paw for many years and was highly respected by all who knew her. She was eighty-six years of age.

Governor Sleeper signed the "Lewis Dry Bill" last Tuesday afternoon. This is said to be the most drastic piece of legislation ever enacted into law. Representative Lynn J. Lewis is its author, and had the satisfaction of having his bill made into law, with but little if any opposition in either branch of the legislature.

Monday evening was a "Red Letter Night" for Odd Fellows in this section of the county. It was the centennial celebration of the founding of Odd Fellowship in America, and elaborate preparations were made by local members of the fraternity for the occasion. An informal reception was held in the lodge rooms, and then supper served at the Memorial Hall. Over three hundred sat down to enjoy the big spread prepared by the members of the local lodge with the assistance of the Ladies of the Rebekahs.

After supper, members of the fraternity headed by the High school band marched to the Opera House for the program. Past Grand Master H. L. McNeil officiated as master of ceremonies and with appropriate preliminary remarks introduced the speakers of the evening. Addresses were made by Grand Secretary, Fred A. Rogers of Lansing, Grand Master George Harland of Detroit, Homer Carr of Detroit, and Dr. Harvey Ransom of Bloomingdale. The Opera House was crowded to capacity, and many expressions of commendation were heard on the excellence of the program, especially the address of Grand Master Harland. Gould's six piece orchestra furnished the music, and after the formal program, dancing was enjoyed until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson motored to Galesburg Tuesday evening.

Mrs. H. C. Waters is spending a few days with friends in Battle Creek.

Mrs. Eva Chase of Glendale was the guest of Mrs. Rena Beach Tuesday evening and also attended the I. O. O. F. celebration.

Mildred and Lawrence Beach have been spending a part of their vacation with their sister, Mrs. C. M. Allen in Kalamazoo.

H. C. Waters and son Nelson were among those who motored to Kalamazoo Tuesday to hear Wm. Howard Taft speak on the League of Nations.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Hale Thornton of Porter township on Saturday last an eleven pound boy. The mother will be remembered as Miss Bale of Paw Paw.

There will be many surprises in the Coterie play, "The Bewildering Miss Felicia" at the Opera House next Friday and Saturday nights. Get seats for Friday night reserved early, for there is sure to be a crowded house.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, A. T. Foote, Mr. and Mrs. Nehr of Kalamazoo and Roy Mosier and family were dinner guests at the A. W. Mosier home last Sunday. "It was Some Dinner" as expressed by one who was there.

The meeting at the Richmond school house east of town last Sunday was well attended and a complete success. The speakers were M. H. Fugly, A. H. Campbell and Rev. I. P. Bates. Music was furnished by Messrs. John Haworth, Harry Ayars, Bale and Bale.

The Higgs Dancing Class party announced for the Maple City club rooms for Friday, April 11th, will be held on Thursday evening, April 10th. The date was changed on account of the Coterie play scheduled for the 11th, and 12th.

Mrs. Charles Filley arrived here from Colmar, New Mexico last week. Charley will come later. Paw Paw friends will be glad to know that the western climate has greatly benefited his health, and that he is robust and strong again.

Miss Lola Bates of Hillsdale has been a guest of her grand father, Rev. I. P. Bates and other relatives and friends here this week. Miss Bates graduated from the local schools last year and is now a student in the college at Hillsdale.

J. E. Packer was happily surprised last Thursday evening, when three Ford automobiles containing his children and grandchildren, drove up in front of his residence and proceeded to unload. They brought baskets well filled with good things to eat, and an abundance of ice cream provided the finishing touch for a happy evening never to be forgotten by those who were there to enjoy it.

C. W. Williams of South Haven, president of the Williams Transportation company, committed suicide at his home last Saturday. For many years he has been one of the prominent business men of that city, and the tragedy was a shock to the community. Ill health is thought to have affected his mind, and the deed was done while in a despondent mood.

The Simmons vs. Thompson damage suit which was being tried in Circuit court as we went to press last week, resulted in a verdict for defendant. The jury brought in a verdict of "No Cause of Action". Motion has been made for a new trial, and we are informed that if the motion is denied, the case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

Herbert Bassett, a Paw Paw boy and one of the graduates of the local school, is fast climbing to the top in his chosen line of work, and is destined to make a name for himself in the comparatively new field of Radio invention. He has made a special study in this line of research for several years, and as Lieutenant in the American army, turned his knowledge and inventive genius to practical use in England during the war. During that time he perfected what is known as "A Radio Direction Finding Apparatus", which promises a new era in long distance aerial flights. This simple apparatus enables aerial navigators to know just where they are, night or day, regardless of the weather. It does away entirely with the necessity of visual observation to determine direction and location. The invention was perfected during the war and was intended for use in long range night bombing in Germany but the ending of hostilities, prevented its use in that direction. Now the instrument will be employed for commercial travel in the skies. The Popular Science monthly for March gives an account of this wonderful contrivance which is destined to mean so much to aerial navigation.

Bear in mind that seats for "The Bewildering Miss Felicia" for the performance Friday night, April 11th, may be reserved at Longwell Bros. store any time after Saturday morning of this week. Seats for Saturday night, April 12th, cannot be reserved until that day.

E. W. Gray, district Y. M. C. A. secretary will speak on Sunday evening, April 13th, at a Union service at the Christian church. His subject "Building Democracy with Boys" ought to interest every man, woman and child in this community. The service will be of special interest to men and boys.

Hon. Louis S. Crampton of Lapeer, member of Congress from the seventh congressional district, will deliver an address on the proposed Wine and Beer amendment at the Opera House next Sunday evening, April 6th. The meeting will begin at eight o'clock. Congressman Crampton is a fine speaker, is well known in public life, and should be greeted with a crowded house.

Thomas Cullinane died at his home in Kalamazoo last Thursday. He was recovering from an attack of the influenza, when stricken by the fatal "Sleeping Sickness" which caused his death. He was a resident of Paw Paw for many years, and a host of friends here will extend sincere sympathy to the bereaved widow and four children. The funeral and burial was in Grand Rapids.

A letter from F. E. Adams of Lowell, Mass., renewing subscription to The True Northerner calls attention to the fact that on June 12th, next he will be eighty-four years of age. He has been a member of Paw Paw Lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. for nearly sixty years, and desires to be remembered to his older brothers and friends. He speaks particularly of Wm. Killefer and Roscoe W. Broughton.

Ex-Sheriff Gladstone Beattie made a business deal last week by which he becomes the owner of three more pickle factories at Hastings, Nashville and Lake Odessa. Mr. Beattie is now interested in nine pickle factories. The three above mentioned personally, at Lawrence and Grand Junction with Batt Donovan, and at South Haven, Decatur, Covert and Toquin with L. A. Watson and R. E. Decker.

Max Landt died at his home near Paw Paw last Friday, aged fifty-nine years. He was born in Germany and received his early education there. He came to the United States with his wife in 1881 and lived in New York and Chicago until 1913 when he moved to Paw Paw township which has since been their home. He is survived by his widow and three children: Clara G., Herbert W., and Walter C. Landt.

Probably never in the history of the state have more important and far reaching amendments been presented than those which are to be decided at the election next Monday. It is sincerely hoped that every voter now has a clear understanding of all these amendments and will vote intelligently on every proposition. It will be a safe rule to follow, to place a cross in the square opposite the word "Yes" on every amendment but one. The exception is the "Beer and Wine" amendment which is the last one printed on the amendment ballot. This calls for a cross in the square opposite the word "No."

One of the finest high school entertainments ever put on by the local schools was staged at the Opera House last Thursday and Friday nights. It was an Operetta, "The Pennant", a story in song and dialogue of a college romance. The characters were all admirably selected, and each and every one was a complete success in the part. Mitt Dow and Irene Gibbs played the leading roles. They were both in good voice, and their solo and duet work was of high class. Edson Root, as the "Green Country Freshman" was a "scream", and Donald Nash as the Jew Peddler kept the audience in good humor. Vincent Lewis played the English Lord and made a hit from the start, while the "Merry Widow" was admirably acted by Inez Page. The above characters were ably assisted by Lloyd Holcomb, Nelson Waters, Irwin Fisher, Frank Newlands, Alice Tubbs, Frieda Grashorn, and Rachel Bailey. The football players and College girls handled the chorus work in a pleasing manner. Miss Mae Brumstead was director, Miss Sullivan, pianist; Miss England had charge of dialogue and Leo Mentor, stage manager. The high school band played several selections before the curtain went up, and every number was enthusiastically encored. The individual characters, the directors and every person who contributed to the excellence of the entertainment are entitled to unlimited praise. It was a big boost for the local school. The Opera House was crowded to the limit.

Elmer Owen has moved to the Corner farm near Lawton.

No voter should become absorbed in any one proposition at the election next Monday, to the exclusion of all other important questions. There are two ballots, state and township; one amendment ballot containing three amendments and one local amendment. It is the duty of every elector to vote on every proposition. Don't lose sight of the importance of this instruction.

Don't be shortsighted in the consideration of your vote on the State Good Roads amendment next Monday. Remember that roads must be built, and repairs made whether this amendment fails, Michigan will be deprived of its share of Federal money, but the highway expense will go on just the same, there is no way to get away from that. The building of good roads and the maintenance of creditable highways is now in its infancy in Michigan, but it is a progressive movement that is here to stay. If the amendment carries, for every dollar of money appropriated by the tax payers of this state another dollar will be provided by the Federal government, so that in reality, the state will get \$1.00 worth of road for an expenditure of 50 cents. The amendment should carry.

The re-appointment of Attorney T. J. Cavanaugh as member of the Board of Trustees of the Michigan State Hospital at Kalamazoo, is a source of much satisfaction to Mr. Cavanaugh's Van Buren county friends. He was appointed to this responsible position six years ago by Governor W. N. Ferris, and Governor Sleeper has shown excellent judgment and a spirit of fairness in rewarding a conscientious faithful state appointee, even though he be a democrat. This important position is purely honorary, and after six years Mr. Cavanaugh would undoubtedly have been willing to hand over the honor to another. He is deeply appreciative however of the honor conferred at the hands of Governor Sleeper, and will continue to give his time and best efforts to the duties of this office as he has during the past six years. The True Northerner joins in congratulations.

Plans are now getting under way for the next Liberty Loan. Details, such as the size of the loan, rate of interest etc., are not yet available; but every person realizes the necessity for another loan and is already making plans to assist in its utmost in putting Michigan "Over the Top" on the volunteer days. April 21th, to May 10th, are the dates set, and it is probable that the first three days, April 21-22 and 23 will be volunteer days throughout the state. Michigan must go over the top voluntarily. "Why should it be necessary for one American Patriot to solicit another American Patriot?" will be the slogan. Complete details of the plans will be ready for announcement soon. T. J. Cavanaugh is county chairman and a meeting is announced for Paw Paw next Tuesday, April 8th. American valor and heroism won the world war, and we must not desert the boys now. The next Liberty Loan is imperative. Will Michigan go over the top the first volunteer day?

For the information of the voters of Paw Paw township, Senator D. G. Davis has interviewed State Highway Commissioner Rogers, relative to the local road bonding proposition. The question has been raised, as outlined in these columns two weeks ago, "If the Fifty Million Dollar Bonding question should carry in the state, would it be necessary for Paw Paw to vote the \$13,000 bonds for the construction of pavement from Gremps street west to the village limits?" Following are the facts as outlined by State Highway Department to Senator Davis:—The \$13,000 bonds should be voted by the township for the construction of this pavement. Then, if the Fifty Million state amendment carries, the Township officials should communicate immediately with the State Highway department and ascertain if this street is to be included in the main trunk line across the state, and when the same is to be constructed. In other words, the local bonds would not be issued, or work commenced if this street was to be paved soon by State and Federal aid. It is clearly the duty then of every voter in the township to vote "Yes" on the local bonding proposition, and authorize the issuing of these bonds in case it becomes necessary for the improvement of this stretch of highway. There need be no fear on the part of any tax payer that a single bond will be issued, or an hours labor put on this stretch of road if the state will build it. But the improvement is needed, and to insure its construction beyond the question of a doubt, the bonds should be authorized. Vote "Yes" on the local bond issue.